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**How Is It With the Judge?**

They have a judge up in Pennsylvania who should explain himself. He has held that a Wilkesbarre man, who looked on inactively while his wife committed an assault upon another woman, is in reality the guilty person. Now, what of this?  
Is the husband punished for not having trained his wife above fighting? If so, what shall be said of the wife who snubs her husband's efforts to train her?  
Is he punished on the theory that he could not have stood by merely to insure fair play? If so, would the judge have had him make the contest hopelessly uneven by cutting in on his own account?  
Is he punished on the ground that he is in fact the real and not merely the ostensible head of the house? If so, this is a decision of far wider interest than a mere affray between two viragoes. It touches the very core of family life, and puts the whole body of American married men on the defensive. It's had enough to have to come to any decision as to who bosses the establishment. But to have to decide in advance that it is the man—well, we'd like to know how it is in the household of that Pennsylvania judge.

**Thimble-Rigging in Three States.**

In Ohio, the Democrats carried the State, and the Republicans are planning to create vacancies in the State offices, fill them before the expiration of their governor's term, and thus cheat the voters who elected the new governor.  
In Indiana, the Democrats carried the State, and the Republicans are planning to change the rules of the Legislature while they are yet in power, fill the offices, and thus cheat the voters who elected the new Legislature and the new governor.  
In Oregon, a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate carried the State, and the Republicans are proposing every fool kind of "welching" to persuade Republican legislators—explicitly directed by their constituents to vote for the Democrat—to cheat the people who elected the new Senator.  
All this might have gone twenty years ago, or ten. But it will not go now. If the Republican leaders have any hope at the hands of the people in those three States, they will nip these schemes in the bud. Otherwise Democratic victory will not seem half so miraculous in the future in Ohio, Indiana, and Oregon as it has in the past.

**Sealed Proposals for Eternal Life.**

The aspiration of mankind for long life, which seems to have prevailed ever since history began, has its logical exponent now in a philosopher who offers methods whereby a man should live forever. The prospect he raises is alluring and his explanation, though not given, must surely be logical.  
There does not appear at first sight any special reason why generation after generation of mankind should be born, grow, wither and die, to be shed like the leaves of the oak. But so it is with man as with all living things. Simply because it is so, however, may not necessarily be a good reason why it must always continue so. Assuming also that generation by generation men improve, could not the same generation remain on earth continuously and improve equally? We must assume, of course, that the vigor of life continue unabated, the functions remain unimpaired, and the full supply of vitality be undiminished.  
If man may really overcome the habit of death—the decay, the accident, the snapping of the vital cord, the law, the rule, or whatever it may be, and enable himself to stride about the surface of this planetary habitation indefinitely, what are to be considered the probable conditions of his stay? First, of course, he will then be the sole generation—the embodiment of all the generations—and must cease marrying or giving in marriage. The birth of one generation means, of course, either constantly rivalry with or the death of its predecessor. If the predecessor is never to die, the successor ought not to be born. And so might end childhood and old age, and with them would go parental care and filial affection, for there would be neither parents nor children.  
Sure of an endless tenure, what would become of the tenant? Would he have motive for struggle and aspiration? Would he suffer as willingly and struggle as earnestly, without a child to provide for and receive the legacy of his efforts? Would he be as sincere, as self-sacrificing? Would life be as beautiful, as sublime?  
Hardly! Life is beautiful in proportion as it prepares itself for death,

not merely as to spiritual preparation, but in the good deeds of earth. Life is desirable only as it is animated by love, by the doing for others, by parental or filial care. Life, the mere life of the one who lives for himself alone, who has no child of his heart to succeed him, who has no charity to endear him, no sacrifice to enshrine him, though it went on forevermore on earth, would be far worse than death. Let us halt a little before we drink of the waters of eternal earthly life, should such waters ever be found.

**A Speakership Contest.**

Only one construction can be placed on the statement issued by Representative Burton, with the approval of Judge Taft, intimating the likelihood of a fight against Speaker Cannon's re-election.  
It is a declaration of hostilities. It is not, in reality, what it appears—an effort to avoid friction by notifying Mr. Cannon that his early surrender would avoid an unpleasant encounter. That notification was sent to Mr. Cannon earlier, and the reply was not satisfactory.  
The Taft-Burton announcement is simply the first appeal to the country. It is notice to members of Congress, to the press, and to the people, that there is going to be a fight, and that the incoming Administration wants its friends to be ready for the call. It is a means of asking Congressmen not to hasten about giving pledges to vote for Speaker Cannon. It is an appeal to the anti-Cannon sentiment which is believed to exist all over the country.  
Having gone thus far, it is hard to believe the war can be prevented. The insiders in support of the Speaker have recently insisted that they had actual pledges of enough votes to nominate him in the Republican House caucus. Evidently Mr. Taft and his counselors think they know better, or have reason to believe they can draw away some of the people whom the Cannon forces consider pledged. At any rate, it is certainly most significant that on the very day after the Cannon people announced their control of a majority, the Hot Springs declaration of war should issue. Apparently the camp of the President-elect had received word that there was no time to be wasted; the attack must be made at once or it would be doomed to fail.  
In the last session of Congress, Speaker Cannon defeated the President. It is useless to seek an easier phrase. There is no boot in pointing to the petty and unimportant concessions which the House leaders permitted to be made to the President. Mr. Roosevelt was beaten in the House by Mr. Cannon. Again, Mr. Roosevelt was beaten by the Cannon forces at Chicago; beaten in the platform-making, and beaten in the selection of a candidate for Vice President.  
The Speaker is no mean opponent. He is going to fight to the finish, and we shall have a fine taste of the fighting metal of the newly chosen President before the next House is organized.

The Shah of Persia has decided to withdraw the constitution granted to his country a couple of years ago, on the ground that it conflicts with the law of Islam. If Islam is so convenient an excuse for conservatism as all that, it might be well for the Ways and Means Committee to investigate it as a possible antidote to tariff revision sentiment.  
A more or less widespread impression, especially deep-rooted in the neighborhood of New Haven, Conn., that Harvard had forgotten all about football, has received convincing refutation.  
No, Constant Reader, those headlines about "the Business Outlook" have nothing to do with the question of the ownership of stock in the President's newspaper.  
The man who favors "revising" is apt to talk about lowering the schedule that need lowering. Then he stops. The man who doesn't favor revising is likely to talk about "lowering schedules that need lowering, and raising those that need raising." Mr. Taft talks about lowering those that need lowering, and then stops.  
Close observers of the political moving picture show are impressed that they caught a momentary glimpse of a lifelike representation of a large, fat man spiking a long, heavy Cannon.

The Kaiser ought to be satisfied not to talk any more for a short spell. He has everybody else talking so fast that there's no chance for him to break in.  
Messrs. Payne and Dalzell will perhaps note a ringing sensation in their ears. That's a sign that about \$6,000,000 people are talking about them.  
Mr. Rockefeller opines that the oil business is hazardous, and Mr. Kellogg has a notion to help prove that Mr. Rockefeller was even more correct than he thought.

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**October Circulation Figures**

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**SEES ASSASSINATION OF TWO PRESIDENTS**

**Illinois Man Calls on Ruler of His Country No More. Was Present When Garfield and McKinley Were Slain.**

ALTON, Ill., Nov. 23.—E. S. Kennedy, of East Alton, has sworn off calling on Presidents, for he is probably the only man in the United States who has seen two Presidents assassinated.  
When President Garfield was shot by Charles Giteau, Mr. Kennedy was standing within a few feet of the Chief Executive and ran to his aid.

"I was right on the spot when President McKinley was assassinated. I was in the line of people who were shaking hands with the President. I saw a fellow with his arm in a sling. I was looking right at him when he shot the President.  
"I didn't see Roosevelt just because I was afraid I might see another President killed."

**BIG CROWD ATTENDS SCHROEDER BENEFIT**

**Testimonial Concert Given at the Raleigh Hotel Last Night.**

Between five and six hundred persons attended the testimonial concert given in the Raleigh Hotel last night for the benefit of Raymond Schroeder, the violinist. Mr. Schroeder was injured in an automobile accident last spring, as the result of which paralysis of the right hand developed. It is a question whether he will ever be able to play a violin again.  
Mr. Schroeder was violin soloist at the Raleigh Hotel, and it was due chiefly to the benefit of Raymond Schroeder, the violinist, that the concert was given. Mr. Taft was aided by William H. Santelmann, leader of the Marine Band; E. H. Droop, and Henry Xander, director of the Washington Saengerbund.  
The program included solos by Mrs. Hattie Meads Smith, soprano; Prof. Jasper Dean McFall, baritone, and selections by Fritz Mueller, violinist, the Washington Saengerbund, and the United States Marine Band, led by William H. Santelmann.  
Mr. Schroeder is well known in musical circles in Washington, and was one of the promoters of the Washington Symphony Orchestra, which was organized by Reginald de Koven.

**\$619,410.06 SPENT BY THE DEMOCRATS**

**Statement by Committee Shows Balance on Hand Now of \$1,234.71.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—That the Democratic national committee received \$639,644.71 in the recent campaign and spent \$619,410.06, leaving a surplus of \$1,234.71 in the coffers, is shown by the statement made public by the officers of the committee.  
These figures, filed in the form of an itemized statement in the office of the secretary of New York State, show that the Bryan campaign was conducted with a little more than half of the expense incurred by the Republican managers who had about \$1,700,000 at their disposal.  
"In compliance with a resolution of the national committee passed at Lincoln, Neb.," reads the statement, "we have filed in the office of the secretary of state at Albany a list of over 25,000 contributors, who contributed through newspapers, clubs, solicitors, and other organizations, whose names are on file in the office of the chairman of the Democratic national committee at Buffalo, N. Y."  
The report is signed by Norman E. Mack, chairman; Urey Woodson, secretary; Herman Ridder, treasurer; John E. Osborne, vice chairman finance committee; John W. Cox, assistant treasurer; and John E. Doolittle, assistant treasurer.  
The statement includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee.

**BAY STATE UNIONS GOING INTO POLITICS**

**Executive Board Votes to Hold Convention to Discuss Question.**

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Labor in Massachusetts is likely to enter politics formally, by the decision of the executive board of the State branch of the American Federation of Labor, which has voted to hold a convention here early next year, looking to that end.  
President Philip H. Sweet and Secretary-Treasurer Dennis D. Driscoll were instructed to draw up a circular letter to be sent to the Central Labor Union in the State, instructing them to elect two delegates to take part in this convention.  
With the various central unions represented in the State, it is expected a final and general plan of organized labor politics will be mapped out.

**BIG COFFEE DEALER LONG SICK, IS DEAD**

**Caleb Chase, Head of Widely Known Boston Firm, Passes Away.**

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Caleb Chase, one of the leading business men of Boston, died early today, in his seventy-seventh year. He was a senior member of the coffee firm of Chase & Sanborn. He had been ill a long time.  
Mr. Chase was born in Harwich in December, 1831. He belonged to the Algonquin Club, and was an enthusiastic member of the ancient and honorable artillery company.  
In 1864 Mr. Chase married Miss Salome Boyle, of Thurston, Me., who survives him.

**MUCH THE SAME.**  
This world is like an apple barrel, And if for a moment you'll stop, You will find the big apples and men Always manage to reach the top.  
—Chicago News.

**MEYERS MUST FACE NEW YORK CHARGES**

**Alleged Swindler Brought From Pittsburg—Rich Catch, Police Declare.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A dapper little man with close-cropped VanDyke beard and wearing a dark gray English walking suit stepped briskly from a train at the Grand Central Station at 4 a. m. today followed closely by Detective-Sergeant Nelson, who hurried him to police headquarters in a carriage.  
The prisoner joked and smiled in high good humor until he was brought up for registry. His smile vanished for a moment, then he quickly recovered his poise, and said he was Joseph Montefiore Meyers.  
At first he said he didn't know where he lived or what his business was, but finally he gave his age as thirty-nine, his residence at Pittsburg, and his business as that of a broker. He came from Pittsburg.

**Meets Prominent Men.**  
Meyers for three years occupied apartments at the Ansonia and the Waldorf, in this city, and through letters of introduction bearing the names of Whitelaw Reid, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, and others, succeeded in meeting many men and women of prominence, both in a social and business way. His subsequent operations have yet to be completely revealed by the police, but, according to the Pittsburg authorities, when all has been told they expect to connect him with one of the most gigantic swindles of recent years.  
Meyers, following his arrest in Pittsburg Saturday was turned over to the New York detective to be brought back for a trial on a charge of stealing five bonds of the Central Lumber and Construction Company from Samuel Biddison, a broker, having offices at 15 Nassau street, and living at Eighty-third street and Twelfth avenue, Brooklyn.

**COUNTERFEIT BILLS UNEARTHED BY WILKIE**

**Notes of \$5 Denomination Make Appearance in Providence. One Is Deceptive.**

Two new counterfeit \$5 bills have been discovered in circulation by Sergeant Wilkie. One of them purports to be of the \$5 silver certificate (Indian head) series, and is a clever and dangerous imitation of the genuine, according to Chief Wilkie. The other is a counterfeit \$5 United States note. Chief Wilkie announces that this is by no means cleverly devised and should not deceive persons familiar with money.

**WOMEN'S DUEL FATAL; KNIVES AS WEAPONS**

**One Dies Instantly, Other Will Recover—Meet in Lonely Spot.**

GAINESVILLE, Mo., Nov. 23.—Although seriously cut about the face and shoulders, as the result of a duel in which she killed her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Graham, Mrs. Jane Crabtree is expected to recover.  
The duel was fought in a lonely spot in the Ozark woods southwest of Gainesville. The place and hour were fixed, and the women met alone, according to appointment. Knives were the weapons used. Mrs. Graham's throat was cut, killing her instantly. Mrs. Crabtree was arrested and is held for murder.  
The women quarreled over a trivial family affair. It is feared the duel will result in further feud troubles.

**Seeing Washington With The Times Guide**

**No. CLXII—"STODDERT MANSION."**

AT Thirty-fourth street and Prospect avenue, ladies and gentlemen, bounded by Thirty-fourth street on the east, by M street on the south, and by Prospect avenue on the north, you see an unique, old mansion, which has stood for nearly a century and a quarter, and has been the residence of various interesting families.  
The house was built in 1785 by Col. Benjamin Stoddert, a member of Washington's staff in Philadelphia during the seclusion of the continental Congress. He was also one of the original owners of the land chosen as the site of the Federal City. The spot chosen was the crest of a hill overlooking the river and the Virginia hills, and the house was copied from the Chew and Morris Mansions of Philadelphia, representative of the style of that period. Colonel Stoddert was appointed the first Secretary of the Navy by President Adams, and retained the portfolio a few months at the beginning of the Administration of Thomas Jefferson, resigning it to give attention to his large personal interests.  
At the death of Colonel Stoddert, which occurred during the attack on Washington by the British, the property passed to his heirs and later to Gen. John Mason, owner of Mason's (or Annapolis Island), and it is supposed that it was he who added the two wings to the house and set out the quaint,

**WOULD-BE SUICIDE IS STILL UNKNOWN**

**Identity of "Sadie Hutchins" Mystery—Ready to Leave Hospital.**

Successfully concealing her identity, and answering all questions with only a shake of the head, the woman who attempted to end her life with a hypodermic injection of morphine in a room in the Buckingham Hotel, 920 Eighth street northwest, will be released from the Emergency Hospital this afternoon.  
Mrs. Dr. E. R. Buhrman, a friend of the would-be suicide, who is registered at the La Petra, Eleventh and G streets northwest declined this morning to reveal the woman's identity.

"It is simply a personal matter, and one in which the public cannot be interested," she said. "She was despondent over the recent death of her husband. Her relatives feared that she would try to make way with herself. I am her physician, and when she is able to leave the hospital she will accompany me to her home."

**Used Assumed Name.**  
The woman was registered at the hotel as "Sadie Hutchins, San. Cal." The receipt for her clothing which was found in her room at the hotel she signed "Jennie Sanford." Both of the names are said to be fictitious. The police are of the opinion that the woman's home is in Waltham, Mass.  
Dr. Buhrman is registered from Baltimore. It is said, however, that her home is not in the Monumental City, but that she had been stopping there for a few days looking for the woman who is a patient at the hospital.

Dr. Buhrman appeared at the hotel Saturday night, accompanied by her daughter. She went immediately to the hospital. Yesterday morning they gave up their room, but Dr. Buhrman returned to the hotel again last night. Her daughter was not with her.  
It was at first reported that the woman was a prominent Baltimorean, but the police say they have learned positively that she did not come from the Monumental City.

**Has Few Possessions.**  
Although handsomely dressed, the woman did not have any baggage, and did not wear any jewelry, as was stated. She had less than \$2 in her purse. The physicians say it is evident that she was not addicted to the morphine habit, and that she apparently purchased the hypodermic syringe for the purpose of killing herself. That she intended committing suicide was clearly evident from a note found in her room, which was printed in the Times yesterday.  
The case has been shrouded in the deepest mystery from the very first. The woman appeared at the Buckingham Friday night, and appeared to be in the best of spirits.

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The Indian head note is a counterfeit of the issue authorized by the act of August 4, 1886, series of 1889, check letter D, face plate 2, back plate 666, with portrait of Oneaspa. It is printed on one piece of heavy bond paper, but a defect in the plate, which is a photo-mechanical production, gives the Indian chief a cross-eyed expression. The blue seal is badly printed, but the back of the note is very deceptive, except that it is a little lighter in color than the genuine.  
The counterfeit \$5 United States note purports to be one authorized by the act of March 3, 1863, series of 1907, with a portrait of Jackson, check letter D, No. A-524767. The counterfeit bills first made their appearance in Providence, R. I.

**AS WE ALL KNOW.**  
Spec'or—Your new house doesn't look like the architect's original design.  
Vicomte—No, but it looks more like it than the coal looks like the original estimate.—Smart Set.

**MRS. W. C. HILL HOSTESS IN MISS EUSTIS' HONOR**

**Noted Company Gathers at Luncheon Party Today. Former Governor and Mrs. Herrick Luncheon Guests at the Home of Gen. and Mrs. Henry C. Corbin.**

Mrs. William Corcoran Hill entertained a company at luncheon today in compliment to Miss Eustis. The other guests were Mrs. Lettier, Mrs. Brown, wife of ex-Judge Henry B. Brown, Mrs. William F. Draper, Mrs. Nicoll Ludlow, Mrs. William H. Emory, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. George L. Gillespie, Mrs. Charles Henry Butler, Mrs. Fremont Smith, and Mrs. John B. Henderson.

Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, who have as their house guests for a few days, former Governor and Mrs. Herrick, of Ohio, invited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boardman to meet their guests informally at luncheon today.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Barker were luncheon hosts today, having as their guests the bride party who will attend Mrs. Barker's daughter, Miss Maxwell, and Mr. Corning at their wedding Wednesday in St. John's Episcopal Church.

The company included Miss Maxwell, Miss Katherine Jennings, who is to be the maid of honor, Miss Yvonne Townsend, Miss Mary Scott, Miss Evelyn Chew, and Miss Caroline Brownson, the bridesmaids; Mr. Corning, Parker Corning, his brother, who is to be the best man, and those of the ushers who have arrived in town.

Miss Letterman entertained a party at dinner last evening, including Colonel and Mrs. Brownwell, Mrs. Emmons, Miss Perkins, Dr. Thomas S. Lee, Mr. Parrish, of New York, and W. Bowie Clarke.

**Wedding in Fifth Baptist Church.**  
Miss Nellie Viola Ingle, whose marriage to Edwin Robert Vrooman, will take place tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock in the Fifth Baptist Church, will be attended by Miss Mary Handy as maid of honor and by two little flower girls, her niece, little Miss Catherine Willey, and little Miss Evelyn Rison.

Mr. Vrooman will have for his best man Benjamin C. Cokeman and the ushers will be Frank E. Alden, J. H. Lewis, William T. Jones, Clinton N. Smith, George W. Evans and John N. Smith.  
The Rev. Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the church, will be the officiating clergyman.

Following the ceremony at the church there will be a reception in the home of the bride's parents for the bridal party, relatives and a few intimate friends.

The charge d'affaires of Mexico, Mme. Godoy, and Miss Godoy, who went to New York last Wednesday, returned to Washington this morning. J. L. Calma, of St. Paul, Minn., a relative of Mme. Godoy, met them in New York, returning to their home with several days.

**Fairbanks Home Open.**  
The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks have returned to Washington and have opened their home on K street for the season.

A wedding of interest to Washington will be that of Miss Elizabeth Russell Shields, daughter of Dr. Nelson T. Shields, of 61 West Fifty-sixth street, New York city, to Albert Bacon Hamlin, son of the late Rev. Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin and Mrs. Hamlin, of Washington, D. C., which will take place in New York Wednesday afternoon, December 3, in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, at 4 o'clock. The Rev. E. M. Stiles, rector of the church, officiating. The wedding party has not yet been selected. A reception to which several hundred guests will be invited will follow the ceremony.

Gen. Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, and John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, arrived at the Virginia Hot Springs yesterday morning, and are guests at the Homestead Hotel.

Among those from Washington sailing on the Kronprinzessin Cecilia tomorrow from New York will be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Valois, Melville Ellis, and John Douglas Wise.

**Miss Roosevelt Honored.**  
Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who is to make her debut at a large ball in the East Room of the White House, Monday evening, December 23, will be constantly feted and entertained from now until the close of her illustrious father's administration.

The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver will be dinner hosts in Miss Roosevelt's honor this evening at their home, on N street, and tomorrow Miss Mary Louise, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Lettice, of the Navy Yard, will give a young people's luncheon. These hospitalities

follow closely the first formal dinner given in honor of this interesting young woman in the home of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield Saturday.

Mrs. George M. Robeson and Miss Robeson, who have recently returned from Europe, will spend the holidays on N street, will go to Philadelphia to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. Miss Robeson left Washington this morning, and Mrs. Corbin, wife of Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, are expected to arrive in New York before returning to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell announce the marriage of their daughter, Jannette Lambert, to Hunter Harold Edline, Saturday, November 21, 1908.

Gen. and Mrs. J. Franklin Bell entertained a small company informally at dinner last evening at Fort Myer.

**To Hold Benefit.**  
Wednesday afternoon, December 3, from 3 to 5 o'clock the annual benefit for the Howard School for the Blind will be held in the ball-room at Rauscher's.

Mme. Jusserrand, wife of the French ambassador, who is to be the maid of honor, Miss Yvonne Townsend, Miss Mary Scott, Miss Evelyn Chew, and Miss Caroline Brownson, the bridesmaids; Mr. Corning, Parker Corning, his brother, who is to be the best man, and those of the ushers who have arrived in town.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will entertain a small company informally at dinner at the embassy this evening.

Senator and Mrs. Depew who have been at their home in New York since their return from Europe, are expected at their Washington residence shortly after Thanksgiving.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Richardson have as their house guest, Dr. W. W. Keen, of Philadelphia, who has just completed a two-year tour around the world.

Mrs. Charles W. Richardson will entertain the members of the Fire Arts in her home on Connecticut avenue this afternoon.

Baron Freuchen, naval attaché of the Austrian embassy, who spent the last few days in New York, has returned to Washington.

The Swedish minister, Herman de Lagerantz, left Washington today for Pittsburg, Pa., where he will meet the former American ambassador to Germany, Baron de Moltke, who will deliver an address and will visit the large steel plants, in which he is greatly interested, in company with Mr. Tower.

**PLANNING TO MERGE CHICAGO CAR LINES**

**Gigantic Deal Well Under Way and Its Financiers Are Confident.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A merger of all the traction lines of Chicago is the gigantic plan that financiers today admit they hope to consummate within a year.

Not only will this merger include the surface lines, but the elevated railroads are to be let into the combination, and the whole new system is to be operated by the Commonwealth Edison Company, one of the biggest power companies in America, already furnishing power for most of the lines.  
The new corporation also plans to build a subway, which will at first operate in the downtown sections, and is planned to relieve the congestion in the loop district.  
The subway will later be extended.

**GLIDDEN TO FINISH A 50,000-MILE TOUR**

**Trip Will Include Journey Through Sahara Desert—Wife Will Accompany Him.**

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Charles J. Glidden, world-famous autoist and balloonist, is planning a new tour by which he hopes to have completed 50,000 miles in an automobile before the first day of next May.  
Starting about February 1, Mr. Glidden will go to Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, the Sahara Desert, and Sicily. He has already made 45,238 miles, and traveled in thirty-nine countries. He will be accompanied as on his other tours by his wife.

**FRANCIS A. WILSON LAID AT REST TODAY**

**Funeral Is Held at Foundry Methodist Church—Was Long Resident of District.**

The Rev. Robert Moore, pastor of Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. H. R. Naylor and the Rev. C. L. Pate, conducted the funeral of Francis A. Wilson, who died Friday, at his residence, 2830 Dumbarton avenue, at the church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The pallbearers were Aldis W. Brown, L. P. Altch, R. A. Church, E. F. Simpson, Homer T. Hirst, William V. Lewis, Frank W. Boligiano, and W. H. Askew. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**SENSITIVE PEOPLE SOON GET MORBID**

To a degree, sensitiveness is a good quality and one to be cherished. But every fine quality has its defects, and the defect of undue sensitiveness is morbidness.  
Never torture yourself by wondering if on this or the other occasion you made yourself appear ridiculous. If you wrote a foolish letter, let it go at that. If you made a silly speech, be comforted—people will not remember it. If you did a clever thing you might have said and did not, remind yourself that there are more days to come and there will be other chances.

